

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Metcalf Energy Center

EG-2

Entity proposing project: Calpine Corporation

Category of project: Electricity Generation

Brief description of project: Located in Silicon Valley, CA; intended as “showcase” project – cleanest plant of size licensed in CA; pressing need for electricity development in Silicon Valley

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) – statutorily required to provide “biological opinion” granting/disapproving project within 135 days of date receives application; technically required to render decision in August 2000

EPA – issues Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit; was delayed by F&WS delays; once permit granted, an appeal was filed immediately with Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) [construction cannot begin until appeal dismissed]

State: CA Energy Commission (Commission)

Local: San Jose City Council – local opposition & nationally publicized debate resulted in denial of project by city council; lobbying by local business, politicians & environmental groups led to reversal of decision 7 months later

Project Timeline:

Commission deemed project data adequate – June 23, 1999

First public hearing conducted – July 12, 1999

San Jose City Council denies project – November 28, 2000

FW&S biological opinion rendered – April 2001

San Jose City Council reverses position & allows project – June 2001

Commission issued final recommendation of approval – June 18, 2001

Final Commission action expected – August 2001

Construction to be completed summer 2003

Suggestions for improving federal agency(s)’ process:

- Manage analyses required by F&WS & EPA’s air permit simultaneously

Internal Notes: FOR REVIEW ONLY – ALL ACTION TAKEN